

# Post Plans Full Christmas Sate

Christmas time events as announced for Fort Benning this week include an enlisted man's formal dance at the Main Post gymnasium on Dec. 22, open house at Service Club No. 1 on Christmas day, a children's party at the Main theatre Dec. 22, a tea dance at the Harmony Church hospital, religious Christmas Eve and Day at the hospitals, midnight religious services at the Catholic and Protestant churches, three-day holidays for the Infantry school and the Parachute school troops, and a special turkey Christmas dinner in all the mess halls.



SGT. JOE LOUIS

## Sgt. Joe Louis Here Dec. 29

Sgt. Joe Louis, the internationally famed Brown Bomber and heavyweight boxing champion of the world, will visit Fort Benning December 29th. It was announced yesterday by Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, post special service and athletic officer. The visit of the great ringman, now an Army sergeant, will be in connection with his nationwide tour of Army camps which he embarked upon several months ago.

Two exhibitions will be held here for one day only, but will be kept plenty busy, according to Colonel Finnegan. He will box two exhibitions, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, and also make a hospital visit. Time and place of the exhibitions will be announced later, when plans are completed.

The Brown Bomber will bring along his entire entourage of soldier ringmen, including Corp. Walter Smith, better known as "Sugar" Robinson, the world welterweight title claimant; Sgt. George Nicholson, the Bomber's heavy-weight sparring partner; Pvt. George J. Wilson, an ex-welterweight champion.

## TTC, Airborne Command Combine N. C. Maneuvers

Combined maneuvers employing elements of the Army Air Force Troop Carrier Command and the Airborne Command are being conducted in the vicinity of Camp Mackall, N. C., during the period Dec. 6 through Dec. 11, the War Department has announced. The maneuvers will include the movement by transport airplanes and gliders of an entire airborne division involving thousands of men and all their equipment. The maneuvers are being conducted in several phases, including night and day landings by both parachute and glider, will participate. The troops will be supplied with food and water by air evacuation of sick and wounded will be given.

## Local Talent to Play In Big Musical Revue

"Holiday Time" will burst upon Fort Benning the middle of next week in the form of a delightful new musical revue sponsored by the post special service office which will be performed in the auditorium of the children's school on December 15 and 16.

In announcing the presentation of the gay holiday entertainment, Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, special service officer at post headquarters, stated that the revue would also tour other areas of the post following its debut on the post proper.

Two new musical tunes, written by Benning soldiers, will be presented for the first time. "Holiday Time," the title song, and a new ditty called "You Save the Results of Collaboration" between Corp. E. Barry Sturmer of the special service office and two members of the 300th Infantry School, Robert Holmes and Corp. Robert Holmes.

Sturmer directed the lyrics while the bandmen supplied the musical score.

DOES DANCES All dance numbers in "Holiday Time" are being staged by Sgt. Bill Cope, a member of the post radio announcer.

"Holiday Time" is a well-known post radio announcer. In civilian days, Cope appeared in several Broadway musicals. The musical director is Pfc. Lucy Mae Stewart, a Benning WAC, who is a graduate of the famous Juilliard School of Music in New York.

Scenic effects for the holiday production are being designed by Sgt. Don Johnston and Sgt. Vol Weisner, both members of the Acoustic Regiment, who did similar work in pre-war days.

MIXED CAST The cast is composed of soldiers, WACs and civilians well-known at the post for their stage talent. All performances at 8:30 p. m. and admission free.

The outstanding GI social event of the present Yuletide season is the Service Club No. 1 formal Christmas dance to be staged at the Main Post Gymnasium on Wednesday evening, December 22. The affair will be very much in season with a "jingle bell" stunt, Santa Claus, and a novel presentation of the ladies.

In the presence of every GI from the Main Post units that can be present, the Columbus civilian nurses and the WACs, will be led to a stairway stage and presented to the assembly.

GIFT BAG Ten gifts will go to ten lucky ladies who draw right numbers from Santa's pack, and ten useful gifts will go to ten lucky soldiers who do the same.

The Lawson Field orchestra assures the dancers that they will have fine music.

Plans and preparations for this event are in the hands of the Club's hostess, Miss Mary Farmer, and her assistants, Lieutenant Lois Pate, Cpl. Kay Krazit, Pvt. Cecilia Eonta, and Mrs. Mary Meehan.

Open House, from three to six o'clock at the Main Post Service Club (No. 1) will be held on Christmas Day for friends and relatives of soldiers at Fort Benning, according to an announcement by Miss Mary Farmer, hostess.

Entertainment is to be centered around the Reception Center Chorus singing Christmas carols. A good orchestra will be on hand to supply music for dancing, and refreshments will be served at intervals during the day. The hostess and her corps of helpers will try in every way, she says, to make the place as homelike and as entertaining as possible for those present who are away from home.

CHILDREN'S PARTY Six hundred children of military personnel in Columbus, Benning, Baker Village, and Fort Benning will attend the children's party Wednesday, December 22, at 1:30. This is an annual event sponsored by the post chaplain, assisted by all the chaplains on the Main Post, and will start at the Benning Primary School from where the children will be taken to the Main Theatre in the wake of Santa Claus.

Will tell Mrs. Alfred B. Claus will tell them one of her children's stories in a way that is characteristically artistic and entertaining.

THE SEVENTH ARMORED DIVISION and other units in the Sand Hill area will provide the blood donors to total approximately 200, for the remainder of the day on December 17. Blood will be taken each day between the hours of 8 a. m. and 1 p. m.

Civilian Registration for blood donors will begin December 16 at 8 a. m. and continue through December 17. Civilians may register between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and 5 p. m. during this period, he announced.

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## Plans For Blood Bank Announced By Red Cross

Plans for reaching the largest quota of blood donations ever attempted by the Red Cross Mobile Blood Donor Unit or the Atlanta Blood Donor Center have been announced by Ralph J. Mitchell, field director of the Fort Benning branch of the American Red Cross. The unit will accept the blood in Ward G-2 of Station Hospital No. 2 in the Harmony Church area of Fort Benning during its three-day stay on the post December 15-17.

A total of 240 actual bleeders a day is the quota set at Fort Benning which is 80 more persons than the 160 per day which is the highest hitherto attempted by the unit or the Atlanta Blood Donor Center. This will require 280 volunteers a day, Mitchell stated.

The quota for December 15, the first day of the period will be met by personnel from the various units of the Infantry School, while the Parachute School will furnish volunteers for December 16. Civilians on the post will have an opportunity to donate their blood between 8 and 8:45 o'clock December 17, with their quota set at approximately 40 persons.

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SOLDIERS IN MUFTI—Fort Benning's civilian employees are shown during ceremonies Wednesday afternoon in Doughboy Stadium citing them for faithful service. In foreground is reviewing stand with Fort Benning officers and the representative civil service workers who received the Emblems for Civilian Service. (U. S. Army Signal Corps photo.)

## Chapel Choirs Plan Bach Cantata, Carols, Serenades On Yule Program

Hazel Hayes of Opera, Thomas Dix of Films to Take Solo Parts

A full program of Yuletide music including the beautiful Bach Cantata "For Us a Child Is Born," on Sunday, December 19, and a series of carol serenades for high ranking officers of Fort Benning and Station Hospital patients is included on the holiday agenda of the Main Chapel Choirs, Mrs. J. O. Methvin, Directors of the Choirs.

Soloists for the Cantata will be Mrs. Allen Anthony Putt, opera and concert dramatic soprano, and Pvt. Thomas Dix of Hollywood, motion picture star and baritone.

The choir's heavy schedule will get under way Sunday a week at morning services when the group will sing "There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Fields" by Vincent and "Lo How a Rose Ere Blooming" by Praetorius.

Following these services the choir will go to Station Hospital to sing carols. On Sunday night vespers services will feature the Senior and Junior Choirs and soldiers from the 17th Infantry.

Solo parts will be taken by Mrs. Putt, Mrs. B. Franklin Wills, and Pvt. Dix.

CANTATA NUMBERS Later the choir will sing Bach's beautiful cantata "For Us a Child Is Born" with the following anthems and carols: "Glory to God in the Highest"—Pergolise, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"—Andrews, "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"—Bach, "O Nightingale, Awake"—Dickinson, "Carol of Sheep Bells"—Kountz, "O Holy Night"—Adam, "Carol of Russian Children"—"Carol of Bells"—Russian traditional music; "Away in a Manger"—Hokansen; and "Sleep of the Infant Jesus"—Graever.

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## Ranking Officers Laud War Work

Colorful Stadium Ceremony Marks Awards Presentation

The Army saluted Fort Benning's "Soldiers in Mufti"—the post's civilian workers—at a ceremony Wednesday afternoon in Doughboy Stadium, marking Civilian Awards Day.

Approximately 3,000 civil service employees of the Army Ground Forces, the Army Air Forces and the Army Service Forces received emblems citing them for faithful service to the War Department, and were tendered a salute from troops of the three branches of the army who passed in review before them.

Maj. Gen. Charles Bonesteel, commander of The Infantry School, presented awards to the 300 Army Ground Forces employees of the Infantry School and The Parachute School whose service of six months or more makes them eligible for the awards. Col. William H. Hobson, commanding officer of Fort Benning, made the presentation to the 2,500 eligible employees of the Army Service Forces at the post, and Major John W. Christner, base commander at Lawson Field, to the 300 Army Air Forces employees of Lawson Field and Lawson Field sub-depot.

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BRUNETTE BETTY PUTMAN



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# Stamina Pays Dividends In Battle---Col. Hamilton

## Ex-Weapons Chief Rejoins TIS As Coordinator Of Training

There is one standby that is prevalent in all success stories concerning infantry in this war, a standby for which there is no substitute. And that is stamina.

Col. Raymond C. Hamilton, former chief of the Weapons section, largest group of the Infantry school, has returned from the African theater of war where, as president of an army ground force board, he studied and observed operations for a considerable period of time during this year. And stamina was the keynote of an incident or series of incidents about which he learned over there.

He is back at The Infantry School now where this week he delivered a series of three lectures to the staff and faculty of the school. After completing his notes and reports on his tour of duty in Africa, Col. Hamilton is to become Co-ordinator of Training for The Infantry School, a post formerly held by Col. Wayne Archer, who is now on a special assignment in Washington.

Reference to stamina was made specifically by Col. Hamilton, to one infantry unit which fought its way from the beaches into the hills of Sicily and kept on fighting when by all the laws of logic, it should have been worn out. It was a battalion commanded by Lt. Col. Clarence B. Cochran of Okemah, Okla., which, within six days of seizing the Sicilian beachhead, assisted in the capture of a vital airport, captured an enemy tank park with a large number of prisoners, fought off numerous savage counterattacks, and, in one stretch, marched 36 hours, fought and won.

"DON'T YOU SLEEP?" That accomplished, the battalion rested briefly, then smashed forward again in an action which captured 11 tanks, a fleet of trucks and 470 prisoners. It was after this engagement that one enemy officer, when asked why his troops had surrendered, replied, "You always have men infiltrating toward us and around us, backed by artillery fire. You are on us all the time." Other prisoners asked their American captors, "Don't you ever sleep?"

The exploits of the battalion commanded by Colonel Cochran began when it landed in reserve on the Sicilian beachhead. Assigned its objective, the unit headed inland toward the northeast. From that moment and for six days Colonel Cochran's men fought almost continuously, with a ferocity and daring that elicited from one German prisoner the disclosure that "during certain hours of the day we thought God was on our side." The achievements of this battalion served to drive home the fact that if men are well trained it doesn't make any difference how far an outfit marches or how tired it is.

On the first day of the landing, one rifle platoon and a machine gun squad were cut off from the rest of the unit, but fought their way back, capturing 60 prisoners, several guns, and seven wounded men. Meanwhile, one company took an enemy strongpoint with underground concrete emplacements and a concrete roadblock, together with 12 machine guns and two field pieces.

The battalions, minus elements

had been landed at another point on the beach, reached its first day objective shortly past noon.

The next day the enemy counter-attacked strongly, driving back most of the battalion and occupying a pass to the rear of Colonel Cochran. With about 200 men, the battalion succeeded in holding its position on high ground, although cut off from the main strength of its own forces.

A second enemy counterattack was launched the following day, but it was shattered by the American infantrymen, who then launched their drive and recaptured the pass by mid-morning, thereby regaining contact with their regiment.

Midnight found the battalion moving forward once again. Its immediate objective was to get astride the road between Biscari and its strategic airport, about five miles southeast of the town. Four hours later, half the battalion supported by mortar and heavy machine gun fire, was occupying escarpments on both sides of the vital crossroads.

**ENEMY TANKS ATTACK**  
At dawn Colonel Cochran's battalion was attacked by 16 enemy tanks, which were driven off by mortar and artillery fire from batteries which had been set up at the captured airport.

Contact with the main force again was achieved by evening, when the regiment was brought up to the advanced position taken by the hard-fighting battalion.

The next day—the fifth consecutive day of fighting—saw the battalion leading back a counter-attack by enemy infantry and tanks while operating at a point northwest of the remainder of the regiment, which was attacking the Biscari airport.

"In this action, one platoon, pinned down by machine gun and 88 fire, was counterattacked by a Mark IV tank and about 50 men," Colonel Cochran told Col. Hamilton. "Eight of the enemy were riding the tank and shooting. The others were walking, flanking the tank. Our platoon was behind a stone wall. At 60 yards the enemy threw smoke grenades, but the wall was in silhouette against their own smoke."

"The platoon worked on the tank at 30 yards with anti-tank grenades. The turret was struck and wedged so that it couldn't be used, while the tank was firing point-blank, trying to cave in the wall. The platoon had only two casualties and claims 18 of the enemy killed. The hostile tank and infantry withdrew."

That counterattack defeated, the battalion reorganized and moved forward again, now in full strength. At midnight the action-packed day, Colonel Cochran called a halt near Callagione, about 15 miles due north of Biscari, while he, together with a staff officer and five men, moved into the suburbs of the town with an Italian rancher as a guide.

The battalion then proceeded north of the town and dug in at a point close to an enemy tank park. With only a semblance of rest, the outfit began to operate against the quartered tanks before dawn, with one platoon deployed to envelop the opposing right flank.

**FIRE AT FLASHES**  
The Americans' presence had been discovered by the enemy, meanwhile, and a counterattack was launched with six Mark IV tanks, one of which was demolished, a second was set afire, and a third had its turret ripped off by our fire, Colonel Cochran said. "In the dim light, the men fired at the tank gun flashes."

With hostile fire from the enemy tank park silenced, Colonel Cochran recounted, the enemy began evacuation of the vehicles, and an American enveloping unit encircled and overran the parking area in a mopping-up operation.



**INSPECTING HARNESS** of the parachute used by 2nd Lt. Milton L. Honemann in his record-breaking 10,000 foot jump last week is Lt. Col. Alton R. Taylor, director of parachute training at the Parachute school. (U. S. Army Signal corps photo.)

## Chute Officer Establishes New Lawson Jump Record

Leaping from a plane at an altitude of 10,000 feet, 2nd Lt. Milton L. Honemann, instructor in the Communications Division of the Parachute School, established a record Friday for height in a static line jump.

This jump was made under the supervision of the director of the Communications Division of the Parachute School, Capt. A. G. Hall in collaboration with Major Lawrence Mitten, test officer of the Infantry Board, and was designated to test a new type of radio. Lt. Honemann was in continuous radio contact with the ground during his seven-minute fall. The radio was carried in a special harness designed by the Biggers Division of the Parachute School. Lt. Honemann said that reception all the way down was perfect.

The jump was made near Seale, Alabama, from a C-47 transport plane regularly used to carry paratroopers. Observers on the ground were able to follow Lt. Honemann's progress all the way down, and after he had landed, a car on the ground was directed by radio from the airplane to proceed to the proper spot to pick him up.

The Communications Division of the Parachute School, in addition to giving three in training basic courses in communications for graduate Parachutists, conduct tests on a new type of communications equipment suitable for airborne operations. Lt. Honemann was an enlisted instructor in the school prior to his attendance at the Infantry Officers' Candidate School, and since his graduation on Nov. 4, 1942, has been assigned to the school as instructor. Lt. Honemann lives at 3456 Park Heights Ave., Baltimore, Md., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Honemann.

The American infantryman excels in night fighting, he found, and is an expert in hand-to-hand fighting with cold steel.

**YANKS RESOURCEFUL**  
Mined roads, mountainous terrain, bridgeless rivers and enemy patrols are obstacles which infantrymen must surmount in the fighting in Italy, and they do well, Colonel Hamilton reported. They use the element of surprise with remarkable results and they are resourceful, he concluded from his observation in the Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

Colonel Hamilton said the lessons put to such excellent use by Colonel Cochran's battalion "were given in training, but it has taken battle experience to drive home the truth of their instructions. The men want the fact emphasized to those still in the United States. They told me to tell the troops back home that if you follow what you've been taught and stay on the beam, it's all right; but if you try your own stuff, you're likely to have trouble."

In his new assignment as Co-ordinator of Training, Col. Hamilton will have complete supervision of the data to be used in modernizing much of the instruction given in the school according to the lessons learned in this war. The Infantry School has been in the Army since 1916 and was commissioned in 1917 from Officers' Training Camp.

In 1916, he served on the Mexican border with the 1st Indiana Infantry. He was with the 5th Division in service overseas and remained with the Army of Occupation until 1920. He attended the Infantry School as a student in 1920-21 and was there as an instructor and secretary of the school through 1925 when he was assigned as a student to the Tank School at Camp Meade.

After ROTC duty at North Georgia for four years, he was assigned to Fort Moultrie with the 8th Infantry and went to China in 1932-34 as company commander and plans and training officer in the 15th Infantry. Back in the states, he served as supply officer and commander of the Service Company of the 10th Infantry at Fort Thomas. He was graduated from the Command and General Staff School in 1936 and the Army War College in 1938 after which he came to the Infantry School, as an instructor in the Weapons Section, the group which he headed from 1942 until his departure for North Africa. He is the holder of the Silver Star.

Col. Hamilton was born in Willow Hill, Illinois where his father still makes his home.

## 1st STR Blood Donors Volunteer For Second Time

"It was a cinch," agreed three former blood donors from Colonel Robert H. Lord's 1st Student Training Regiment, who have again volunteered to give their blood to the Red Cross.

The blood bank's appeal on its return visit to The Infantry School December 15. The "repeaters" are Master Sergeants Charles H. Rolling and Theron W. Touchton, and Private First Class Charles R. Boucher.

**RAINBOW ROOM ON LIMITS**  
The Rainbow Room, located at 1110 Fourteenth Street in Phoenix City and formerly known as "Dick's Place," has been placed "on limits" for Army personnel at Fort Benning, it was announced today at Fort Benning post headquarters by Colonel William H. Hobson, commandant.

This time, the veteran trio were first in their regiment to answer

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## Plane Crashes, 3 Aboard Live

At approximately 10:30 a. m., Saturday, an army transport plane crashed on the Ft. Benning reservation about four miles from Lawson Field.

The plane was based at Lawson Field and was on a training flight with three men aboard.

Pilot, Robert A. Dulcos, 2nd lieutenant, San Francisco, Cal.; Co-pilot, Andrew S. Szemetko, Jr., 2nd lieutenant, Toledo, Ohio; Crew chief, Alfred R. Turin, staff sergeant, Goshen, N. Y.

All aboard the plane survived. Lieutenant Dulcos appeared most seriously injured, with compound fracture of the left leg and multiple lacerations and abrasions. Lieutenant Szemetko suffered internal injury and lacerations.

Staff Sgt. Turin was thrown clear of plane on impact and suffering contusions of the left arm and left leg, returned to the wreckage to remove the pilot and co-pilot who were still there.

After removing both officers from the wreckage Sgt. Turin started off through the woods for help. Upon reaching a road he was picked up by a car and taken to a hospital.

A board of qualified Army Air Force officers is investigating to determine exact cause of the accident.

Folks may ask: Don't you tell Keep our secrets Guard them well!

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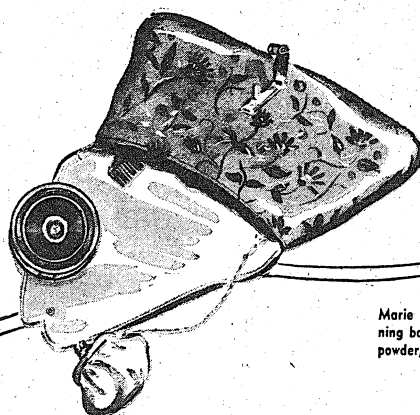
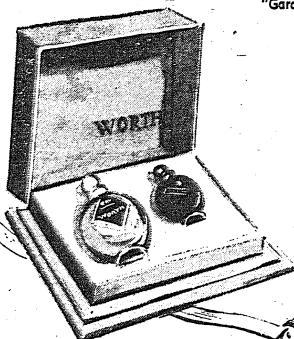
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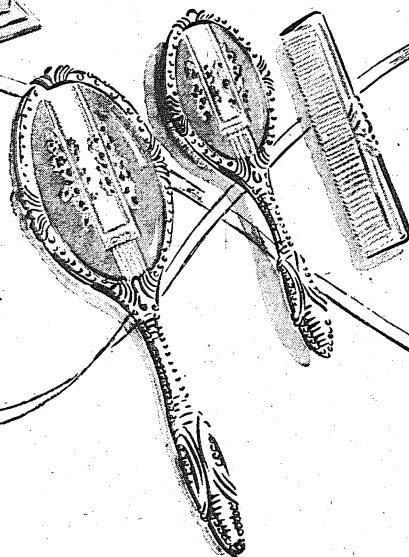
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"The Battle of Berlin will continue as opportunity serves and circumstances dictate until the heart of Nazi Germany ceases to beat."  
—R.A.F. Air Marshal Sir Arthur Travers Harris.

"My opinion is that Japan will be defeated from China. China with her reservoir of personnel and the possibility of airfields in easy striking distance of Japan is one of the steps along the road."  
—Admiral C. W. Nimitz, Commander, Pacific Fleet.

## Army Takes Care of Its Own With AER

There's one organization with which Fort Benning soldiers and their families should become more familiar. It is the Army Emergency Relief.

This organization is an answer to "The Army Takes Care of Its Own" and is doing untold good in maintaining morale of soldiers and their dependents by furnishing emergency relief in various ways.

The Army Emergency Relief office is located in the Red Cross Building on the Main Post adjacent to the football stadium and is administered by Captain John J. A. Lyons and his assistant, Lt. John D. Daggett.

The A. E. R. was established more than a year ago to supplement the excellent work of the American Red Cross, and the two agencies work together towards taking care of soldiers and their dependents. It was the Red Cross that gave A. E. R. its start through a donation of one and a half million dollars.

Donations from private individuals, state and theater benefit shows, particularly Irving Berlin's "This is the Army," have assisted the A. E. R. to continue and expand its relief.

The A. E. R. office on the main Post is a busy place, for it is there that soldiers turn when, for one reason or another, their army pay has been delayed, allotments to dependents have been held up, or some other emergency has arisen that puts a soldier "in a hole."

Any dependent of a soldier, father, mother, wife, children, can turn to A. E. R. in time of distress and, upon proper proof of identity and need of assistance, obtain help. This help is usually in the form of a loan, but sometimes a cash grant is deemed advisable.

In Columbus and area there are many dependents of soldiers. Many have been helped by A. E. R. Others may be in need of relief, perhaps only to the extent of being advised on how to submit official government forms for family dependency, insurance premiums, gratuity pay, back pay, etc., but have not heard of A. E. R. A visit to Fort Benning will clear matters.

Quite often dependents will visit A. E. R. and request loans because allotments made by soldiers have not cleared through government channels. It is usually possible for A. E. R. to make a loan until the allotment is received. This is only one of the many ways in which A. E. R. gives aid.

Army Emergency Relief is nationwide in scope. There is an office in every post, camp or station where U. S. soldiers are located. And there are many A. E. R. offices set up in cities or towns far removed from army posts.

In order that the scope of the A. E. R. Section may be extended, all military personnel or their dependents or parents are invited to submit by letter to The Army Emergency Relief Office, Post Headquarters, Fort Benning, Georgia, any questions concerning benefits provided for under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Dependency Act. Also, any questions relative to insurance benefits, gratuity pay, etc., will gladly be answered.

There will appear in this newspaper every Thursday from now on a Question and Answer column dealing with Army Emergency problems. Only those questions that appear to be general in scope will be answered in this column. All other questions will be answered individually by letter. The Bayonet urges all military personnel to avail themselves of this service.

## For The Duration Think 'Ere Talking

Here and there in recent months you have seen posters, slogans, gags, and cartoons warning against the dangers of soldiers and civilians indulging in promiscuous talk concerning matters of a military nature. These terse, but friendly, warnings are not so much bunk. They were not prepared because those doing them were not prepared with which to occupy their work time and efforts. They are for your protection and future happiness.

No successful business transaction was ever consummated between two parties without each first assembling and weighing to the best of his ability all information regarding the proposition. Lawyers do not enter proceeding without having all of the facts in their possession. Doctors generally do not plunge headlong into major operations. Scientists do not make discoveries without thorough research. Many such illustrations could be given of the absolute necessity for advance planning, where prior information about the other side is of the utmost value and importance, where the desired outcome of the issue hinges upon such previously gained knowledge.

In the successful execution of any worthwhile plan—be it only the sale of a small piece of property, or the conduct of a World War—advance preparations must be made. All available pertinent information must be acquired, so that when subsequent events occur, the changing conditions will not be entirely unexpected, and may be most effectively coped with. Think, war is not waged without elaborate beforehand preparations, which, among other considerations, include securing all possible knowledge of the enemy, his strength, his plans, his ultimate objective.

Think, when you hear warnings over the radio, when you read them in the newspapers. They do not exaggerate. Think, when you see the news-reels showing the death and destruction meted out by the machines of war. They are not filmed to deceive you. This destruction is real, not fictional. These men are actually dying. They are not playing a part. This is calculated destruction, premeditated killing.

Think, when you read the warning posters. They do not lie or distort the truth.

The entire program to safeguard military information is designed as a tangible means of holding to an irreducible minimum the loss of America's heroic fighting men; the maintenance of the welfare and safety of the civilian population; and the assurance of the future world freedom.

For the duration, THINK before talking.

**V-I-C-T-O-R-Y**

Victory shall be ours and will be here to stay if only all Americans would make this War Bond Day.

With each Stamp or Bond you buy, you help to win the fight.

And keep OLD GLORY flying high morning, noon and night.

We soldiers give our very best in all the things we do.

And with the help of everyone I'm sure we can pull through.

So one and all come on; let's go and each one do our share.

So when the war is over, those profits will be there.

**Pfc. Edward G. Strack,**  
Co. "B" 48th Arm'd Inf. Bn.,  
Fort Benning.

They are out there fighting for freedom. Let's fight back here and guarantee them the reward of a rebirth of freedom at home.

The problem after the war is not so much demobilization of our forces as remobilization of our motives.

It's not enough to have an answer to the problems of today. We've got to BE the answer.

Men who rise to the occasion are those who take occasion to rise early.

Aim high or you'll hit low.

It shouldn't take a burning plane to turn a man to God. Burning shame should be enough.

The problem of the church these days isn't so much keeping sinners out of hell as keeping men of good will out of armchairs and getting saints early enough out of bed.

Twenty-five years ago on Armistice Day we stopped firing. We also stopped hiring. This time, when the war ends, we must start shooting—and shoot for something big enough to keep everybody busy.

**Whataya Gonna Buy Your Wife For Xmas?**

What are ya gonna buy yer wife for Xmas ???  
Are ye as broke as me ??? All the cash I got is in a few coke bottles what I can get a refund from ! ! ! I'll have to chop down a pussy-willow for a Xmas tree this year ! ! ! and decorate it with radio tubes ! ! !  
Remember how ya tried to stay awake all night Xmas Eve, when you was a kid ???  
You'd fall asleep . . . and doggone, wasn't it a thrill to run downstairs in the morning to see if Santa Pans had been there and left ya some toys ???  
Now, ya pile out of bed into a formation, instead of into a room full of pine needles ! ! ! Ya hear that! Let sarge burping his head off . . . so ya diddend sent him greetings . . . sooo what ? ! ! ! ! He knows ya don't wish him nuttin, even if it was bad ! ! !

The finance situation stinks this year . . . Just to show ya . . . little Joey Butkiewicz wrote his wife that he was gonna get a diploma when he graduated from Radio School down here . . . She writes right back "Can we hock it?" . . . and they's five guys in my class, Mitchell, Thorpe, Bertch, Woodward 'n Hinkle . . . They is going hunting and they only got three shot gun shells between 'em ! ! ! They is going huntin fer a rabbit ! ! !  
How are ya gonna divide a rabbit as a Xmas present for yer five wives? . . . They sez they is gonna make one super-duper-high-powered shell out of the three they got . . . So when they see a rabbit and the gun goes boom, there will be 5 Xmas presents left for their wives . . . Four rabbit's legs and a tail fer a powder puff ! ! !

We can save dough on our two rough kids . . . We can make 'em both happy by wrapping up a couple packages of assorted rocks 'n boulders . . . My little boxcar is making a blouse out of her nightie for a Xmas present . . . There'll

# FIX IT NOW!

"WHEN YOU SEE A SOLDIER WHO DEVOTES HIS WHOLEHEARTED ATTENTION TO CARING FOR HIS EQUIPMENT, YOU KNOW HE'S A GOOD SOLDIER. TIME SPENT ON EQUIPMENT NOW MAY SAVE LIVES LATER!"

—Major General C.H. Bonstead, Commandant, The Infantry School

## TAKE CARE OF YOUR STUFF!

## USO Presents—

### A CIRCUS, LOTS OF DANCES AND A HEBREW SO NG FESTIVAL

By LT. M. S. DANK

Probably one of the most unusual of entertainments presented by the USO Clubs during this coming week will be that offered by the Phenix City and Columbus Salvation Army Clubs tonight . . . The joint operation, which will take place at the Phenix City building, will be a circus, complete with animals, a midway, clowns, sideshows, and the like. . . . Featured on the bill is Bob Taber and his famous monkey troupe. . . . This group of simians go through everything from wire-walking to bike riding and roller skating. . . . In addition, Taber has what is called a visual education program in the life habits of animals, birds, and reptiles. . . . According to the word from the Salvation Army group, he will have alligators, snakes, parrots, and, incidentally, skunks. . . . Further information on the latter was not mentioned, but since Taber has been doing this act throughout the country, with no apparent ill effects, it is assumed by this column that the skunks have either been well trained . . . or de-smelled. . . . The program is scheduled to get under way tonight at 9 o'clock, EWT, at the Salvation Army USO in Phenix City, 3rd and 16th streets.

The YWCA at 1425 3rd Avenue has scheduled a tea dance for Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6 p. m. . . . Ben. As Time. . . . Although further details have not been given up to the time that this column is being written, it is advised that requests for tickets be made. . . . Phone number is 8451 (Columbus).

The Jewish Welfare Board of the Ninth Street USO has organized a Hebrew song fest circle un-

der the direction of Pvt. Louis Keller. . . . Group meets every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, EWT, at the JWB office.

GI's with a hankering for roller skating will be interested in knowing, if they don't already, that the Army-Navy YWCA USO at 14 W. 11th St. has one of the most complete set-ups for the sport seen in many a day. . . . The rink, instead of the customary wood, is composed of terrazzo, a form of marble and cement flooring which makes skating a pleasure. . . . Furthermore, although the location is outside, the buildings all around it shelter skaters from the wind. . . . Skating takes place every night starting around 8 o'clock. . . . If you don't have your own skates, don't worry, they'll supply you.

There'll be a party given on Monday night (Dec. 13) at the Ninth Street USO by the Holy Family Church. . . . Although no time has been announced, chances are that it will get underway sometime between 8:30 and 9, Benning Time. . . . Those desiring invitations are urged to contact the Ninth Street USO.

The Negro Army Navy YMCA will hold a dance this coming Tuesday for the service men at its building at 841 5th Avenue. Time for the affair is set at 8.

To round out a rather full week of dances, the JWB of the Ninth Street USO will hold a party and dance at the Harmony Club, next Wednesday evening (Dec. 15) beginning at 8:30 EWT. . . . Invitations may be obtained from the JWB office in the Ninth Street US.

## Chaplain's Corner..

ON PLAYING GOLF  
Chaplain F. M. Thompson

So many have written about golf, I feel I ought to say something. As to whether one should play the game, I think the position of Diogenes very helpful. Being asked whether it was 'better to marry or not,' he replied, 'Whatever you do, you will repent it.'

Almost everybody of any consequence plays golf. And most golfers at one time or another have thrown away their clubs, vowing never to play again. So it seems whether you play or not you are entangled in the doctrine of predestination.

You're damned if you do, And you are damned if you don't.

My concern with golf is, does it make for piety?

On the impulse of the moment my answer would be "No." Somehow or another, a psychological change seems to take place in one as soon as he grips a golf club. A hitherto upright citizen becomes the object of suspicion as soon as he reaches the golf links. And not without cause.

An honest confession for most golfers would be something like this: "In playing the game I have sworn, lied, gambled, stolen, and felt like a gentleman in so doing."

And this is what perplexes me—and I should be taken to task for this position—I have not the heart to condemn that sort of conduct. I feel that something is wrong with a golfer who does not get all "set up," unbalanced, depraved.

Joking aside, the truth is the thing that gives zest and dramatic flavor to golf is what makes life—the difficulties, the hazards. In spite of traps, topping, slicing and hooking the ball, we go on day by day, and some day we will beat Old Man Par. So in the other great game, handicapped, a poor score today, defeats of yesterday, only make for increased courage and determination to win on the morrow.

For when the one Great scorner comes to write against your name, He marks—not how you won or lost—but how you played the game.

There are those who, in their post-war plans, still believe it possible to strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

It's no help to do for others what they can and should do for themselves.

"The true test of civilization," said Ralph Waldo Emerson, "is, not the census, nor the size of the cities, nor the crops—no, but the kind of man the country turns out."

Some of us are afraid to search our souls, for fear that we will find a "heel."

To get a job done better, a change of heart will often do more than a change of hands.

Too often when we think of being honest, we think of being honest about somebody else. The need is to be honest about ourselves.

## Sgt. McDonald's Basket

THE COLONEL CHANGES TACTICS AS CHRISTMAS SEASON NEARS

BY SGT. TOM McDONALD

Once a year here at Fort Benning, Christmas manages to roll around in time to invest Colonel Swampwater and his staff with enough spirit to carry them through the year, or at least until early December, as is cognizant in our present situation.

Both Sawgrass and myself noted that the first vestiges of this new spirit was enveloping our leader's personage just last week, when the 1943 Christmas spirit in his make-up had died its natural death. After a few days of ranting and raving and all in all making a perfect ass of himself, it suddenly dawned upon the ol' boy that Christmas 1943 was just around the corner. So he immediately changed his tactics and became the living symbol of peaches and cream.

The first recipient of his new attitude was our commanding General, Auspurr G. Quagmire, who unexpectedly paid another untimely visit to our office last Thursday.

Being extremely desirous of getting a handsome Christmas present from the General, Colonel Swampwater lost no time in "spreading the roses."

"Auspurr!" he exclaimed, leaping from the chair he sat in and running to the door with outstretched arms, "I'm delighted to have you in for a visit! I've been yearning for an audience with you I am anxious to hear more facts about

the great events in your memorable career!"

"Aw hell, Swampwater," the General stammered, "I came over here to bawl hell out of yuh!"

"Why Shades of Salome, Auspurr! You griev me to the core. Here let me polish your stars," the ol' boy purred, at the same time pulling a well oiled blitz cloth from his left hind pocket and rubbing them vigorously.

"Damit, Swampwater! I was gonna give you the devil for letting your regiment fall parade for the Armistice Day parade in fatigue clothes, but somehow I just can't."

"Why, Auspurr?" beamed G. P., "that's certainly manly of you to be willing to overlook that little incident. You understand how it was though. My blouse was in the cleaners so it was my only alternative."

"That's all right, Swampwater," the General replied, "I like to see my officers act for their own initiative. You're a good man, T. P., an officer and a gentleman!"

"It's nothing, Auspurr, absolutely nothing. Why if I had my way, you'd be leading the U. S. forces in Europe right this minute, but anyway, I'm mighty glad that you will be here for Christmas. I often recollect how generous you have been with Christmas gifts to your fellow officers in the past."

"Yes, Colonel, I am a very great man, a second Stonewall Jackson!"

"Undoubtedly," added T. P., "leading him to the door and patting him on the back as he went

out the door."

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## Key Says—

### REFINISHING FLOORS LEADS TO STRANGE GOINGS-ON AT HER HOUSE

For three days our house has been in a state of chaos. Strange men have been sauntering, casually in and out, leaving the screen doors open, the lights on, and the windows up. A cloud of dust envelopes the place, and persons must be wary of where they sit or how they walk.

It all started when, one dreary day, we took a look at the floors and decided something had to be done. After all, when floors get to a certain stage, even the most hard-boiled officer must admit that something must be done, not for decorative purposes, but for the maintenance and upkeep of the house. Had I realized, however, what refinishing floors means to the peace of mind of a household, I would have kept my lips resolutely sealed.

Not only have we been confounded by the roar of a huge sanding machine and the consequent clouds of dust, but we have gone to bed with the odor of shellac in our nostrils, and awakened with the taste of varnish removed in our mouths. Coffee, hot biscuits, boiled dinners or ice cream all have a predominant flavor of turpentine and sawdust.

Although the strange men and their stranger paraphernalia have moved out as suddenly as they came, and the floors gleam in pristine glory, the odor and the dust linger on. Friends assure me that they'll continue to linger for weeks—nay, for months.

It was during this experience that we also had a sudden influx of visitors. Strange kittens took to sauntering through the house, maddly purred by our hostile puppy. Suddenly but firmly deposited outside the kitchen door, they would shortly make a return appearance. It took the combined reasoning powers of the adult members of the family to determine that our uninvited guests were entering through the unguarded basement door, strutting up the basement steps, and suddenly appearing to the startled eye, as a deluge of cats.

The neighbor children, too, suddenly developed a passionate

friendship for our small boy. The doorbell rang frequently, with loud, incessant peals indicative of the most urgent need. Those still too short to reach the bell resorted to more direct methods—they just walked in, occasionally over floors not yet dry.

The receptacle for sawdust proved an irresistible attraction. A mixture of sawdust and water, it was discovered, makes the most wonderful sawdust pies it had ever been the fortune of the younger generation to concoct. That the sawdust, in these culinary attempts, became imbedded in clothing and hair was utterly beside the point. That our yard, previously in good condition as a result of cleanup week, became the depository of mounds of sawdust was also overlooked, along with the numerous pots, pans, sticks and spoons necessary to the manufacture of sawdust pies.

To increase the general chaos, our 200-pounds of laundry put in an appearance to do the family wash. A sensitive soul, she indicated by facial expression and deep, dark mutterings that an upset household and a lunch eaten to the accompaniment of a sanding machine were not to her liking. All signs point to the abrupt departure of Fanny from our midst, and a consequent frantic search for another laundress.

It is only after such an experience that one realizes too little importance has been attached to the maintenance and upkeep of floors. From now on no irrelevant foot will be allowed to sully their hard-won perfection. Theodog will be firmly shunted outside; the companion-seeking offspring will be forced to entertain his friends on the porch; the nonchalant friend will be watched warily to see where he drops his cigaret ashes. One experience like that might be looked back on, in future years, as an adventure, but a second such experience would be more than human nature could stand.

## This Khaki'd World—

Capt. Schweitzer came in for considerable criticism by the public relations office, when he suggested the idea of having the Bayonet offer a prize for the first G. I. baby born after the New Year—the lady berated him for not having thought of it last April.

Sgt. Al Krasie, leader of the 300th Infantry Dance Orchestra, walking in downtown Columbus the other day, saw a face which looked awfully familiar, despite the fact he had never seen it over a khaki uniform. It was Nick Galucci, now playing with the 131st Infantry regiment band. Both had played with Bob Parker's band in Cleveland, Omaha, Kansas City, etc., before their ways parted, about three years ago.

Corporal Snow, Company K, 200th Infantry, knows his General Orders. But he was rather at a loss how to apply the one about quitting his post only when properly relieved. Because while on a guard detail at Lawson Field recently, he was assigned to walk post over a transport plane. And when the durned thing took off, he had nothing left to guard. But he stayed there just the same until "bawled out" by the sergeant. He said he felt sort of silly standing there guarding nothing at all.

Boys of the Third Student Training Regiment band don't worry about bottle openers. One of their members opens up beer bottles with his teeth. 'Sfact, too.

Sgt. Bill Nickerson, program director of the 513th Parachute Infantry Special Service Office, seems to spend his waking hours searching the dictionary for adjectives to properly describe the voice of lovely-Gloria Grace his favorite songstress.

WAC pin-up boy Johnny Bates of DEML was very red the other day when he opened a package in front of friends and found to his surprise that it contained some lovely flowers, accompanied by a card with the name of a WAC at post headquarters. He was redder still when, on thanking her for the flowers, she denied all knowledge of any posies being sent to him. Bates is now gunning for the pranksters—if he can find out who it was.

Officers at Post Headquarters are having lots of extra work to be sent back to Washington so somebody or other can figure out who does what and when and whether the previous experience

of the officers fits in with what they're doing now.

Major Russell J. Hammargren, post public relations officer, warned others in his office that the form was slightly tricky in its makeup, because after he had finished typing it, he came out with one part of it in the original, but another part came out with the carbon instead of the original type.

Lieut. Richard Tukey, assistant Public Relations Officer, came up an hour or so later with a very red face because despite his efforts, his form turned out the same way.

They told Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, special service officer, and athletic officer, about the tricky form and warned him against it. So he loftily told them he'd have his experienced stenographer make his out, to avoid the same thing.

Half an hour later he came into the Public Relations Office and reported: "Well, it came out the same for her as for you." The officers felt better about it then.

Diddja! (Southern influence, folks.) read over the selections for AP's Southeastern All-Service football team published Monday in the Columbus Enquirer? It was awfully fine to see so many Benning men's names on the team—but in all fairness, how do they pick them when in at least one case, a man played just two games before his team disbanded? And one man makes second team when admittedly there were half a dozen better men on his own team and he hardly ever appeared in a game the whole season?

Sgt. Bill Nickerson, program director of the 513th Parachute Infantry Special Service Office, seems to spend his waking hours searching the dictionary for adjectives to properly describe the voice of lovely-Gloria Grace his favorite songstress.

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# Rockets Upset Tuskegee In Benefit Grid Battle

## TIS Truck Regiment Eleven Wins Over Tigers In Thriller, 19-13

By SGT. HARRY M. SMYLES

Fresh from their victory over Florida Normal the previous week, the Truck Regiment Rockets of the Infantry school proved too much for the mighty Golden Tigers of Tuskegee institute last Friday night in Memorial stadium before 5,000 fans and the soldier eleven handed the collegians their second loss of the season, 19-13.

The game between the Fort Benning Service Conference eleven and the famed Southern Conference leaders was a benefit affair with proceeds going to the 9th Street Branch of the YMCA-USO in Columbus.

Although the first half was scoreless, the passing of Tuskegee's Al Taylor who officiates over the Tiger T. formation and Otis Head, right-half, for his gains on the ground stood out for the visitors in this half.

EXACTING PLAY  
The spectators were constantly on their feet as the Rockets' Bobby Lawson, quarter-back from Kentucky, Cecil Coulter, full back from Wilson, North Carolina, and Jimmy Wilson, right-half from Gainesville, Florida, picked up big gains along the ground. Coulter and Lawson passed to Charles H. Huest, end from Lane College and Howard Huest, end from Akron, frequently connected for sizeable gains through the air.

Walter R. B. Jr., ex-line coach at South Carolina State College now serving in the same capacity for the Rockets worked hard at teaching his men to execute a highly vaunted T-formation. He was in there at guard, leading the way, charging constantly ably assisted by Kenneth Birch, rugged, fast left guard from Springfield, Massachusetts, Joseph (60 minute-man) Bennett, right guard from St. Augustine College in North Carolina, Andrew Mayo, tackle from Mather Academy in North Carolina and Willie Thomas, tackle from Pennsylvania.

ROCKET STARS  
Rocket Captain, Clarence "Bo" Jones, former Lane College captain, was in there in his dual role of safety on defense and center on offense despite a leg injury that has bothered him for the last two games.

The Rockets first tally came early in the third period when Lawson ripped over right guard, cleared the secondary with a blocking by Kinzer, Wilson and Coulter, and made his way down the side-lines to the 19 yard-line, a dash of about 40 yards. This was the first time since the beginning of the game that he was about to be forced out-of-bounds and timing himself perfectly, he flicked a lateral to Jimmy Wilson, who was the remaining 19 yards to chalk up the first score of the evening. Cecil Coulter hit the line for the extra point but fell short of making it.

SEE-SAW BATTLE  
It was somewhat of a see saw till the closing moments of the third period when the Rockets started the offensive which set up their second tally. Left-half John Johnson, former Lane College guard, spot bullet-like over center from the Tiger 45 for 9 yards and Lawson sped wide around right end subtracting 12 more. Coulter faded and threw a beautiful pass to Howard Huest who gathered it in as it floated right through a

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## Gremlin Gridders Awarded Letter 'G'

Members of the Fort Benning Gremlin Gridders, the Boy's Activities grid squad which concluded its campaign Sunday with a win over Edgewood County School, were awarded varsity letters in recognition at the Officer's Club last night.

Guest speaker at the occasion was Col. William H. Hobson, commanding officer of the post. The program was under the supervision of Lt. Col. Virgil E. Ney of the 13th Infantry School, who heads the boy's sports program on the post. The following Gremlins received their varsity letters: Neil Marshall, Carl Slaughter, Joseph Polumbo, John McManis, Peter Cox, Ned Passalunghi, Ralph Fitts, Michael Heraty, Danny Follender, Harry McKewen, Charles McKewen, David Moffett, Sonny Fennell, Donald McKay, Fritz Weber, John Hamilton, Richard Morgan, Morris F. Foley, Charles Goman, Felix Davis, Steve Williams, William Ambrose, Douglas Peters, Harold Godfrey, Chick Vance, Paul Vance, Dale Hill, James Higgins, Jeff Tolt, Charles Colston, Robert Magoni, Robert Blakely, and Jerry Holmes.

## Hospital Makes Staff Changes

Changes in three major administrative posts at the Station Hospital were announced Tuesday by William L. Starnes, commanding officer of the hospital. Major Wallace M. Johnson, formerly director of dietetics, has been named executive officer, succeeding Maj. B. H. Huest, who has been transferred to other station. Lt. Thomas F. Hanley, assistant director of dietetics, succeeds Major Wallace as director of dietetics.

Capt. Willie A. Ruff, formerly assistant of Station Hospital No. 2 in the Harmony Church area, has assumed the post of assistant at the Station Hospital, succeeding Lt. Col. Donahue L. Emerson, who has been transferred to the General Hospital at Framingham, Mass.

Capt. Alta Berninger has arrived at the Station Hospital from another station and has assumed the post of chief nurse, succeeding Major Ruth Anderson, who also has been transferred to Cushing General Hospital. Major Anderson has been in the Army Nurse Corps, and who has served in many parts of the world. She is a graduate of nurses who now hold the rank of major.

FEED SUPPLIES  
During the past year government-owned wheat has been a major source of feed. More than 400 million bushels of wheat were fed to livestock in the year ending September 1943, a much larger quantity than in any previous year, the Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Tiger's outlying arms, stepping into the end zone. Lawson's attempt at center was blocked, and the score stood 12-0.

As the teams changed goals going into the fourth quarter, it was evident that the Tigers were far from beaten. Like a tiger, they had become more dangerous when wounded. Albert Crawford and James Burton, Tiger backs, rolled over left tackle spinning and twisting his way 51 yards to the goal chalking up his second touchdown of the evening. This time Bobby Lawson converted, and the score went up, Rockets 19, Tuskegee 7.



ACADEMIC ALL-STARS—This is the All-Star quintet picked from the academic regiment's basketball league. They're the nucleus of the Profs in the Infantry School league. Left to right: Benny Zientara, Tony Pirrello, John Russo, Herb Somerson, Sully Sullivan, Troy Ricks, Erwin Prasse and Leon McCrary. (Official U. S. Army photo—)

## 131st Infantry Adopts Snipers As New Name

Now add the "Snipers" to the "Spirits" and the "Sabers" at Fort Benning.

The "Snipers" was officially adopted as the nickname of the 131st Infantry Regiment with the edition this week of the newspaper, formerly entitled "The Infantry News," with the name "The Sniper" at the masthead.

The paper announced that now the "Snipers" would be the name for the regimental athletic teams that will participate in Infantry School Sports Conferences. The 131st Infantry, located in the newest addition to the post, is the newest addition to the regiment at Fort Benning used for problems and school troops by the 13th Infantry School. The "Snipers" refers to the 17th Infantry while the "Sabers" refers to the 300th Infantry Regiment.

The new name was selected after a contest which ended in award to Pvt. Joseph Salomone of the Medical Detachment for another name all together—"The Bombshell." It was thought by the judges that it was the best name for the paper, but the name "The Bombshell" didn't suggest anything about the Infantry and didn't have enough suitable editorial qualities, it was the best name for the paper.

The new name, "The Sniper," was suggested by a member of the paper's staff, so he was ineligible to receive the prize.

## Academic Court Loop All-Star Selections Nucleus of Prof Five

### Three Members of Title-Winning Headquarters Co. Team Are Named

By CORP. JOHNSTON C. WOODALL

Selection of an All-Star team from the ranks of the Academic Regiment league, which has just completed a hotly contested schedule, present a fairly clear picture of the Profs who will carry the Academic colors in the Infantry school court loop which gets underway next week.

Troy Ricks, who skipped the championship Headquarters Company team and who will coach this year's Profs, was nominated to the all-star squad along with Benny Zientara and Johnny Russo, his team mates. Others selected were: Tony Pirrello and Herb Somerson of Co. A; Sully Sullivan and Wilson Harpe of H Company; Edwin Prasse and Leon McCrary of B Company and Ross Fennel of Company C.

OTHERS MENTIONED  
Honorable mention was made of Barrett and Dempsey, Company A; Shell, Company B; Hanson, Company C; J. C. Smith, Capella, Osi and Holczlar, Company D; Desfiano, Company E and H; Prophet and Richards, Company D; and Kelly of Headquarters Co. Fans who were acquainted with Benny Zientara's fine court play. Last night, Benny was all-post guard—this year he is expected to repeat.

The classy Hs Co. guard already looks in midseason form. Tony Pirrello was just a darkhorse before the tournament but was a bright star on competition of play. He led in points scored with an individual record of 33. This boy plays a whirl of a game and should make it season.

MEATBALL RUSSO  
Johnny (Meatball) Russo, the brother who led the quintet to its two most important victories, is nothing short of a wizard on following up the ball with a tally. He spelled the difference between first and second place for Headquarters team, which was headed by Companies A and H. Herb Somerson, Company A star, not only does everything well on a basketball court but is a fine leader and clean cut fighting player who serves as an inspiration to his teammates.

"Sully" Sullivan, of Company H, is a newcomer to the squad. "Sully" has a nice one-handed shot that leaves the netting. Troy Ricks, one of the best players on the post, showed in the fans how an All-American is supposed to play. His superb demonstration accounted for 82 points (second highest score in the tournament) as he led the Hs Co. to its second championship.

WORLD CHAMPS  
Prasse was good enough for the Oklahoma world's champion, and Gosh! he's good enough for the Committee. Perhaps the headiest player ever to cavor on a Benning floor is a specialist in taking the ball off a backboard. McCrary, a fine defensive player, scored 51 points to end up number eight in the high-score race, finished the season with H Company, but played all the other games for Headquarters.

Harpe, H Company's elongated center, bagged 65 points and ended in the sixth spot in the scoring race. He is a keen eye for the basket and insists on flinging them with one hand from mid-court. Ross Fennel of Company C was a sizzling fireball in tournament play, netting 66 points as the fourth high scorer, although playing on a second injury club.

POST—  
(Continued from Page 1) and by Lt. Col. William C. Kennedy in charge No. 2.

Last year the Recreational and Social Service Department of the Infantry School prepared Christmas celebrations for the patients of the Main Post (No. 1) hospital only, but the newly completed Christmas party at the Main Post (No. 2) makes a double setup necessary for this year.

MORE GIFTS  
Twenty-two hundred gifts, all packaged and prepared, are made ready for donation by three outside cities of the state. Two hundred of these are coming from the United States, and a thousand from the United Grand Clubs of Columbus. In addition to this are 2,500 oranges provided by Florida's grower through Catholic Chaplain Wm. H. Hunt.

Money for the purchase of Christmas candy for the patients have been authorized by Col. Wm. L. Starnes. Additional oranges and individual small gifts are to be provided by the chaplains' fund and the Red Cross respectively. The shopping assistance for the

## BENNING—

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Office of the Assistant Commandant, The Infantry School; Emory M. Shipley, Automotive Section, The Infantry School; Mrs. Marie G. Lemon, 3rd Student Training; William J. Blunt, Quartermaster; and Miss Mattie Bagley, The Parachute School.

Army Service Forces personnel representatives were Fred Whitaker, Superintendent of the Fort Benning Railroad Roundhouse, who made a speech of acceptance on behalf of all civilian employees; William J. Blunt, Quartermaster Corps; Miss Minnie Powell, Medical Department; Miss Jennie M. Robinson, Adjutant General Department; The Infantry School, Fiscal Department; Mrs. Clara M. Zehrbach, Ordnance Department (Automotive); Ray S. Miller, Ordnance Department (Armament); W. A. Ford, Post Engineer, and Elbert O. Martin, Area Engineer.

Air Force personnel cited were Mrs. Mildred Belman, Army Air Service Forces, C. A. Parker, Army Air Service Forces, and Miss Esther Feinberg, Lawson Field.

General Bonesteele, recalled "the long and honorable history of civil service in this country and its increasing importance today in the functioning of the United States Government."

"Today we are gathered here to recognize in a fitting and public manner your essential part in the winning of the war," General Bonesteele said.

He expressed regret that he could not decorate each Army Ground Forces employee individually.

Colonel Hobson hailed the close cooperation of civilians and army personnel in the Army Service Forces' work of serving the other branches of the army at Fort Benning. He pointed out that although the Emblems of Civilian Service denotes at least six months' faithful and continued employment with the War Department, the average civilian employee of the Army Service Forces cited for the award was in excess of two years each, and that 93 of them have served in the War Department more than 10 years.

Major Christner emphasized that in total war, every citizen has a job to perform.

The colorful ceremonies were opened when an army airplane dropped the emblems by parachute into the stadium, while the 300th Infantry Band played. Then in a demonstration of the "man behind the man behind the gun," a group of soldiers marched across the field, with representatives of civilians in the garb of railroad engineer, telephone lineman and laboratory technicians, moving behind the band.

After mass singing of "God Bless America" and music from the Lawson Field Band and the Reception Center Band, the Master of Ceremonies, Col. Jack L. Meyer, Director of the Supply and Service Division at Fort Benning, introduced Col. Frank M. Thompson, Chief, Chaplains Branch, who spoke the invocation.

Following presentation of the Emblems of Civilian Service, several hundred troops and WACs passed in review before the "soldiers in mufti," tendering them the army salute "eye right" as they passed the reviewing stand.

The program concluded with the singing of "America" by the entire group.

## SGT—

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champion, and Corp. Robert J. Payne will complete the group.

At the pinnacle of his career as one of the greatest boxers of all time, Louis enlisted in the Army in January of 1942 as a buck private. In less than eight years, he had compiled one of the most amazing records in history.

The Brown Bomber has fought 56 battles, winning 47 of them by knockouts and seven on decisions. One other he won by a disqualification and the final bout was his lone defeat at the hands of Max Schmeling via a 12th round knockdown on June 19, 1936.

Hissing is a sign of extreme politeness in Japan.

The Dead Sea is 1,300 feet below sea level.

While in Hollywood he continued in vocal work under "knotch" masters. He will sing the beautiful solo "So Appears Thy Natal Day" in the Beach cantata.

Mrs. Methvin again extend an invitation to experienced singers on the post to sing with the choir. Rehearsals for the senior choir are held at the chapel at 8 p. m. EWT Fridays.

# Pollock Names 3 Sabers On All-Opponent Eleven

## Simmons, Routt And Allen Are Honored

Captain Bud Pollock, head coach of the 17th Infantry Spirit, 1943 Infantry School football champions, was impressed by the showing of his club during the year and thinks that Army football was a big factor in morale.

As a parting note, the captain picked an all-opponent grid squad that he considered an equal with any in the nation. The honorary eleven was dominated by players from Southwestern Louisiana Institute's great undefeated grid machine, augmented by stalwarts on the 300th Infantry Sabers, the 194th Gators and Miami Hurricanes.

PICKS SIMMONS  
"As ends, I think Saxon Judd, SLI and former Tulsa star, rates at the top with Al Simmons, 300th flankman, who caught that final pass in our last game with the Sabers."

There were a lot of rugged tackles, but SLI's Henry Armstrong and Jack McKewan from the 124th get my vote. Joe Routt of the Sabers and Weldon Humble, SLI, rate as the guards, with Bill Blackburn of SLI as my center.

ALLEN AGAIN  
"The backs are a lot harder to choose, but I think four of the best were Al Dark and Virgil Eikenberg, two of SLI's real stars and a couple that I hope we never face again. Surely Ernie Allen proved himself in the last Sabers game and Miami's Arnold Tucker is one of the reasons for that defeat a couple of weeks ago."

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## Ex-Spanish Loyalist Says Nazis Are No Supermen

One year after the United States entered the war, a sea-battered freighter dropped her rusty anchor in Baltimore's jet-filled harbor. Leaning on the port rail, gazing at the jagged outline of the city's skyline, Luis Jose Garcia made a pledge. "Never will I return to Spain, this country I look upon now, she will be my home."

Today, at 24 years, already an "old" soldier, Luis Garcia is again in uniform, this time one of his own choosing, that of a United States paratrooper—a far cry from his previous military duty with the Spanish Republican Army, and "enforced" duty with Franco's legions.

Luis Garcia was born in Oviedo, not far from Gijon, bastion of the Republicans early in the war. He was one of four brothers. His mother and father were both factory workers in Gijon, and Luis attended schools in Oviedo and Gijon until 1936 when Spain flamed into war against a de-facto monarchy 500 years old.

When hostilities broke out, Luis, just 17, wanted to fight, but his older brother would not allow it. Undaunted by this rebuke, Luis sneaked aboard the troop train, and slid under his brother's chair and in this style arrived at the gathering place of the Republicans.

When found, instead of being shipped back to Gijon, Luis was given a uniform of sorts and made messenger for the commanding officer, under whom Luis's brother served as a lieutenant.

### LOYALISTS WITHDREW

One assault on the area of Guernica had been beaten off, but in April, Franco renewed the attack, and this time utilizing the Germans and Italians to a greater extent, drove the Republicans from Guernica.

"It was in this battle that 'Stukas' were used by the Fascists," Luis said. "We had nothing to combat such tactics with, the city was ruined, and our forces were put to flight. Driven from Guernica, the Republicans, as Luis described with typical Latin gestures was "Retreat, retreat, driven back, always back, finally we are driven into Gijon. I try to escape by boat, but, there are no boats. After the fall of Gijon Luis was taken prisoner by the Francoists, and thrown in prison."

"In this concentration camp I saw old men, men who have lived many years to live, men who could be of no harm to the Fascists, die of starvation, I was young, and I was free, but freedom was a nonexistent now. Every day I had to report to the police. Not long after this I was summoned for military training. I was sent to Leon, and after a month of cleaning officers' boots, German and

Italian mostly, I shipped to Teruel.

### TERUEL LOST

There a vigorous drive by the "Republican New Army" gained them the capital of Teruel. But with spring Franco utilized his foreign allies and battled his way to victory in Teruel.

"Just before the battle," Luis said, "my commanding officer called me out of ranks, and told me 'You are a Republican, but you will fight for El Caudillo—your people will be shot.' There was nothing I could do, except possibly be a poor marksman."

Going with the various Fascist forces Luis saw the country laid waste before the weight of the German and Italian mechanized onslaught; Catalonia and Lerida fell and finally Spain was cut in two by the capture of Castellon and Tortosa. In 1939 Luis saw all the hopes of the Republicans slip away, when after a bitter struggle, Barcelona fell.

Luis Garcia was kept in Franco's army until 1941, at which time he was demobilized with thousands of others. His country was in ruins, there was no work, no food. Luis wished to leave Spain. Going to the Canary Islands, he found that the same conditions prevailed.

"For three months, I ate once every three days," Luis remarked ruefully. Returning to Gijon, where his father and brother were still living, his mother and another brother having been killed in the factory, Luis prevailed upon a friend of the family to give a job on a ship sailing for America.

ENTERS U.S.A. Coming to America in the spring of 1942, Luis found that he was not allowed to enter the United States because of immigration laws. However, undaunted by his first failure, Luis returned in November 1942 and this time was allowed to come into the country.

"I remember how I felt when I walked up the streets of Baltimore for the first time. It was like lifting great weights from my body. I smile now when I think how I reacted to the first American policeman I saw. Force of habit made me freeze when he walked by me. I pressed myself against a building hoping he wouldn't see me. He saw me alright, but smiled and passed on by whistling!"

Knowing what was coming in Europe, and sensing this country would be in it soon, Luis tried to get back into a uniform, succeeding only when the law against aliens was lifted in 1942. He received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and then asked for a transfer to the paratroops immediately on completing his basic training.

TAKES UP TORCH AGAIN "I cannot express myself in your language to tell you just what this opportunity means to me," Pvt. Garcia said. "I did not come to the paratroops for adventure. I came to get into the fight which I had to leave in 1937 when I was a prisoner of the Fascists." Pvt. Garcia said he appreciated this country, this army "where officers

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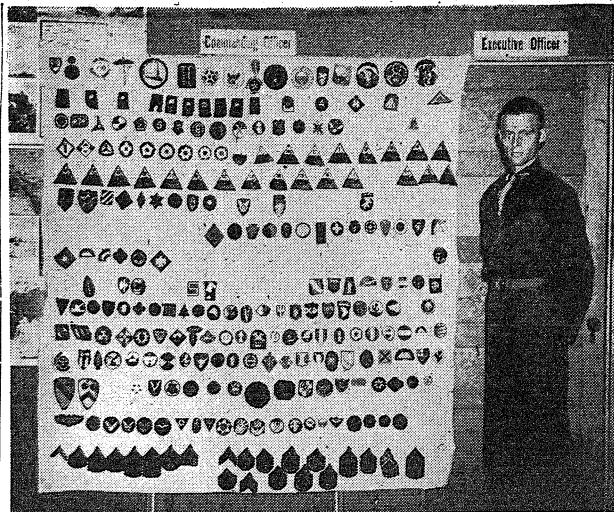
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Lt. T. J. KING OF THE 5TH CO., 6th Regt., is shown here with his excellent collection of shoulder insignia. Including practically every emblem of all arms and services, the assortment is one of the largest collections in the country today. (Official U. S. Army photo—Pine-Bur.)

## Major Beale Named TIS JA

Headquarters of The Infantry School today announced the assignment of Maj. Edward B. Beale of Rockville, Md., as Judge Advocate of the School, an office which was recently activated.

Major Beale was commissioned in the Officer Reserve Corps in 1922 and remained in it for ten years. He was re-commissioned as a captain and returned to active duty in 1942 in the JAGD. He was graduated from the JAG School in Ann Arbor and has served as Assistant Staff Judge Advocate and Acting Staff Judge Advocate of the 28th Infantry Division and in the JAGD of the Army Service Forces in Washington.

Major Beale is also a graduate of Lehigh University, from whose ROTC he was commissioned and where he earned his Ch.E. degree. He took his LL.B. at George Washington University. In civilian life, he was a member of a Washington law firm and also owned and operated a 350 acre stock farm near Rockville, Md., where his wife now resides. His mother resides in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.

## Deadline Nigh For Yule Mail

Better get those Christmas packages into the mail by Friday if you want them to be sure of delivery. Capt. William O'Connell, postal officer at Fort Benning, warned today as he prepared to handle the annual rush of incoming mail at the post.

Preparations included taking over the old 28th Infantry gunshed on Harris circle where parcel post and papers and insured mail will be handled.

Organizations through the post have already assigned a total of 76 extra men to help handle the incoming mail and another 75 probably will be added before Christmas. The men are working on two shifts of 12 hours in order to handle the Christmas mail.

### HOME DELIVERY

Next week the Army post office and the Fort Benning branch of the Columbus post office will begin house to house deliveries for officers quartered on the post. Capt. O'Connell announced.

The Army post office also will furnish nine trucks for the Columbus post office this year, and another 17 trucks will be used for hauling mail from Columbus to the post.

This year full cars of mail for the post will be routed directly to the Fort, in order to speed up delivery, he stated. This also will save on gasoline and tires, it was pointed out.

### INTER-STATE MAIL

Postal authorities all through the country have campaigned to get inter-state mail sent out by December 10 this year, and the early mailing from all over the country to Fort Benning personnel already is being felt. Personnel also are asked to send out their packages by the 10th in order to assure their delivery by Christmas.

Enemy ears  
Are ever near  
If we don't talk  
They can't hear!

Speak and smile at you, instead of beating you with a whip, or cursing you.

"As for your training, simply it is the best. I fought with and against the Fascist. He is no superman. At Guadalajara I watched Italian cringe with fear at handfuls of 'Internationals'. I've known German tank crews to surrender quickly when they saw companion tanks attacked with 'Molotov Cocktails'. At the Ebro I've seen what men with ideals and desire for the right can do against all the power of dictators."

"Our path is clear, we will eradicate those master men. And who knows, maybe someday Spain will become a country of which people will be proud to be a part. Before that can happen of course, Fascism must go."

## Ex-Officers Club's Famous Chef Now At Plaza Cafe

Primo Greppi, former chef at the Officers Mess, is now operating the Plaza cafe at 1230 Broad street in downtown Columbus.

"Primo," as he is most generally called, became known by thousands of officers during his stay on the post. A native of Switzerland, he learned cooking in the foreign manner, by going through years of study and apprenticeship.

Several of his own recipes have won prizes in the national chef's association, and he frequently won praise from visiting dignitaries for his special menus. He left Fort Benning a few weeks ago.

GATELY COMMANDS  
Capt. Thomas C. Gately has been named commanding officer of the 13th Company of The Infantry School's Third Student Training Regiment, succeeding Capt. Louis R. Moore Jr., who has

been transferred to the school's Academic Department. In his new duties, Captain Moore will continue in his work of training officer candidates. However his next appearance before the 13th Company will be as instructor rather than the CO.

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## Shoulder-Patch Collection Is ASTP Officer's Hobby

Collecting shoulder patches is a most disarming hobby, according to 1st Lt. Thomas J. King, of the 5th Co., 6th Regt., who has been building his fine collection for over a year. The bulk of his insignia was gathered from incoming OCs but he has come into possession of many emblems from various other sources by writing to the organizations and to GIs in faraway places.

The collection encompasses all branches of service, armies, corps, service commands, activated Infantry divisions, and defense commands. Also included are the Armored corps and divisions, Cavalry, Marines and several ROTC insignias.

Another section exhibits the emblems of foreign nations—France, Panama, Hawaii, Philippines, and the Persian Gulf Command. In addition the collection contains some World War I patches, the collection is considered one of the most complete assemblages of insignia in the country. In fact, we have yet to see a better one.

Lt. King has by no means finished, and is very much interested

in adding to his collection. To any GI with something in the line of insignia that could be used to supplement the exhibit, we suggest that Lt. King be contacted at 2nd Bn. Headquarters, 6th Regt.

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# Modern Warrant Officer Is Child of World War 1

In the last war, the grade most nearly corresponding to our present warrant officer was the field clerk. In 1916, with an eye to the impending increased Army, Congress authorized two types of field clerks, the general administrative for headquarters officers, to be known as Army field clerks, and field clerks, Quartermaster Corps. These field clerks, most of whom had been civilian employees of the War Department in administrative capacities, were put into officers' uniforms with distinctive field clerk grade insignia.

Warrant officers were first created by a congressional law in 1920. The primary purpose of the grade was to reward the veterans of World War 1 who had held temporary commissions expiring with the end of hostilities. The same law also ended the appointment of additional field clerks.

In 1938 and 1940, the War Department General Staff surveyed the entire warrant officer problem afresh, to determine their place in the new army. This study showed a vital need for expert administrators and technicians, assigned on a permanent, full-time basis to specific positions, who would not be available for additional, extraneous activities.

On the basis of these recommendations, Public Law 230 of the 77th Congress was enacted, authorizing the appointment of warrant officers up to one per cent of the Regular Army's enlisted strength. The bill also authorized the appointment of temporary warrant officers up to one per cent of one per cent of the strength of the Army of the United States.

5,500 APPOINTED  
On the basis of examinations given through the Army in March, 1942, 1500 Regular Army appointments were made, the equivalent of the one per cent allowed by law. All vacancies occurring in this group of 1500 will be filled from the current eligible lists in each classification, under the provisions of AR 610-10. This list now contains all who passed the 1942 examination, although it originally carried only the top-ranking men. Those on the for-

mer list, originally designated as eligibles and so notified by the War Department, will be the first appointed. No future examinations for Regular Army Warrant Officer appointments are planned, as enough eligibles are available to meet all demands expected during the war.

In addition to the permanent appointments as warrant officers of the Regular Army, made as a result of the March 1942 examinations, temporary appointments were made by the War Department to the grade of warrant officer, AUS. Field units are now authorized to give warrant officer examinations for temporary appointments under the provisions of AR 610-15, February 27, 1943.

These examinations are to be oral and practical in the distribution, in the near future, of written, objective-type examinations which the War Department is preparing for each of the warrant officer classifications. In the designing of these new examinations, special attention has been given to the problem of administering and marking them at field units. They will consist of multiple-choice questions, to be answered on a separate sheet which can be machine scored and manually marked. The examinations are planned for a test period of one and three quarters hour, and when necessary, all 35 examinations can be given in the same room at the same time.

The most recent regulations of interest to warrant officers are C18 to AR 600-35, and C16 to

**FORT BENNING OFFICIALS** were honored at a dinner given here last week. Left to right: Maj. Gen. Chas. H. Bonesteel, commander of the Infantry School; Maj. Gen. Lindsay McD. Silvester, commanding general of the Seventh Armored Division; T. G. Reeves, president of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce; Col. William H. Hobson, commanding officer of Fort Benning, and Brig. Gen. Ridgely Gather, commander of the Parachute School. (Photo by Staff Photographer Paul Stewart.)

## Columbus Men Honor Benning High Officers

Seventy Columbus men, all members of the Chamber of Commerce, participated in a testimonial dinner last week at the Hotel Raleigh honoring the commanding officers of Fort Benning.

The distinguished guests included Maj. Gen. Chas. H. Bonesteel, commander of the Infantry School; Maj. Gen. Lindsay McD. Silvester, commanding general of the Seventh Armored Division; Brig. Gen. Ridgely Gather, commander of the Parachute School; and Col. William H. Hobson, commanding officer of Fort Benning. Lt. Col. John E. Albert, commanding officer of Lawson field, was unable to attend the dinner.

### GENERALS SPEAK

A brief address of welcome to the officers was given by Attorney J. Q. Davidson, to which Col. Hobson responded on behalf of the army guests. He paid special tribute to Brig. Gen. Walter Scott Fulton, now retired, whom he succeeded as commanding officer of Fort Benning.

### OFFICERS PRESENTED

In addition to the honored guests the following officers were present, and were introduced by Col. J. P. Edgerly, executive officer at Fort Benning: Brig. Gen. George H. Weems, assistant commander of the Infantry school; George E. Jacobs, Col. Harold E. Potter, Col. George H. Molony, Col. Jack L. Meyer, Col. Wilson H. Spanier, Lt. Col. J. D. Rosenberger, Jr., Lt. Col. James W. Cotts, Maj. Russell J. Hammargren, and Maj. Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr., member of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, and son of Frank G. Lumpkin, well-known Columbus insurance man.

AR 600-40, which direct warrant officers to wear the insignia of the arm or branch to which they are assigned on the service coat or shirt (when worn without coat) instead of the warrant officer's wreath formerly authorized. A warrant officer on duty with an Infantry regiment, for example, will wear the Infantry insignia in the same manner as a commissioned officer, except that he will wear the warrant officer emblem on his service cap. The insignia of grade will be worn as heretofore.

Under Tables or Organization now in effect for an Infantry Regiment, there are six warrant officers authorized: assistant adjutant, assistant personnel adjutant, assistant supply officer, assistant munitions officer, assistant maintenance officer, (and if a band is authorized) a warrant officer band leader.

## G. I.'s Salute Soldiers In Mufti

LADY FEARED JOB WOULDN'T LAST; FORD'S SON GERM AN WAR PRISONER

When Miss Emma Ray Price, secretary to the assistant commander of The Infantry School, started to work at Camp Benning on March 1, 1918, she was afraid her job wouldn't last long.

Periodically rumors would start that the camp was to be abandoned, and the civilian workers never felt secure about their jobs. These scares continued until the camp was made a permanent post in 1922 and redesignated Fort Benning.

### WHAT MISS PRICE

Price then feared would be the longest term job on the post. Though she later held jobs several other employees have longer civil service records, they were first employed at other camps and came to Fort Benning after Miss Price did.

At the time of Miss Price's employment, the camp was located about 3 miles from Columbus on the Macon road. Shortly afterwards, it was moved to its present location.

Officers of the post and of the contractors who were building the camp's installations were located in an old wooden building on the site of the present post headquarters. Offices of The Infantry School also were housed in an old wooden building and troops stationed here were living in tents.

Miss Price was first employed in the office of the constructing engineer. She later held jobs with the post inspector and in the Academic Department of The Infantry School. She has held her present position since the fall of 1941.

She lives with her sister, Mrs. L. J. Cumbea, at 510 20th street, Columbus.

### Flashlight Saves Day - Or Night For Paratroopers

A flashlight saved the day—or night, for men of the Parachute School's communication section. On a tactical jump the other night, a group of paratroopers bailed-out into the pitch black of the Alabama night; they also dropped with them their radio sets—or so they thought.

Upon landing in a field, the group proceeded to hunt up their equipment which, it soon became evident, just wasn't to be found. The lieutenant in charge, knowing the success of the operation depended on establishing communication with other units, as well as feeding his men, broke up his group and began a systematic search of the area.

As the troopers were stumbling off in the darkness of the wild back country, the roar of engines filled the sky. The lieutenant, doing some fast thinking, grabbed the two men in his group who had flashlights with them, and in perfect code he began to signal the plane which, the lieutenant surmised, was the one scheduled to drop the equipment. His hopes waned as the plane seemed to miss the signal, but at that moment, the big cargo plane made another sweep of the field, and this time from its door came tumbling the much sought-after radio equipment, and to the relief of the men, a long-desired meal.

Setting up the equipment and

William A. Ford, administrative officer for the Post Engineer at Fort Benning, has gotten used to hard work in more than 27 years of government service, first as a soldier and then as a civil service employee.

But he and his family are working even harder these days, and for a special reason. It is their personal contribution to the war on behalf of 23-year-old William A. Ford, Jr., a prisoner of war in Germany.

Mr. Ford, in a special ceremony at Fort Benning on September 25, received the Air Medal awarded to his son, a staff sergeant with the 8th Bomber Command, for completion of 10 combat flights over Germany.

The order awarding the medal to young Ford had been published on February 7, and he was shot down on February 26, before the medal could be presented to him. He is now a prisoner in Stalag Luft III (Filers' Prison No. 3), 90 miles southeast of Berlin. The last letter his family received from him was written in Germany.

Mr. Ford has another son, 17, who is a naval aviation cadet at the University of North Carolina, and a daughter who is a clerk in the Quartermaster's office at Fort Benning.

Mr. Ford's first army service came in June 1916, when he was sent to the Mexican border with the 10th Cavalry. He later served in the first World War in 1917, and he spent 10 months overseas with the 30th Infantry, first as a sergeant of the 120th Ambulance Company.

He was discharged from the army at Camp Jackson, S. C., in April, 1919, and on the 20th of that month started his civil service career as a clerk in the quartermaster's office at Camp Jackson. The quartermaster there was the man who had been his first sergeant on the Mexican border.

Mr. Ford came to Fort Benning from Jackson in May, 1922, working first in the property section of the quartermaster's office. In 1923 he was moved to the transportation section and in 1926 was made principal clerk of utilities. He has been with that section, now designated as the post engineer, ever since.

The Fords live at 2439 Wynnton Road, Columbus.

The enemy's ears are opened wide—So military secrets We must hide!

establishing connections with the other groups on the problem was no trouble at all, and without much further ado—outside of time out for the "chow" the men were able to write "mission completed" to a job well done—with flashlights.

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## Wac Det. I Takes Mess 'E' Flag For November

Award of the "E" flag for Fort Benning messes went to WAC Detachment, Section I, for the month of November. It was announced today by Lt. Col. Alexander H. Venzey, mess officer of the post.

Awards are made each month on the basis of conservation of food, good messing, eliminating waste and general excellence. Since the award was instituted four months ago, it has been won by one or the other of the two Bakers and Cooks school messes, but these have now withdrawn from the competition because their mess officers felt that since these messes were more or less "professional."

Headquarters detachment of the prisoner of war camp was judged runner-up for November.

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### AER Question Box

Printed below are some of the many letters received by the Army Emergency Relief office on the Main Post at Fort Benning. The questions and answers are published in this column, a regular weekly feature of this newspaper, because they are believed to be of general interest to dependents of those in the military service. It is suggested that married soldiers clip this column and send it to their wives. Send no questions to Army Emergency Relief office, Fort Benning, Ga.

**Q. My husband is a master sergeant overseas and has been sending me a Class B allotment of \$10 each month. The last check, however, is several weeks overdue. This has put me behind in the rent, food and other bills. Am I eligible for aid from Army Emergency Relief?**—Mrs. T. M. A.

**A. Yes, A. E. R. can make you a loan pending receipt of your husband's money. Come to the office on the Main Post, bringing with you proof that your husband is in the military service.**

**Q. My husband, a private at Fort Benning, believes that he will be transferred and we think that it would be best if I and the children returned home to Chicago. We have a car but need about \$100 more and would like to make a loan. Can this be done?**

**A. Have your husband obtain obtain application papers from the commanding officer, approved by the latter, and A. E. R. can make the loan if it can be shown that the money is to be used for the purpose stated. Loans cannot be made to enable a soldier's dependents to follow him from one camp to another.**

**Q. My son made a loan of \$25 at Fort Benning some months ago. He has since transferred to another camp and has been unable to repay the loan. This week he wrote me that his army pay was held up, but didn't say why. Was this because he had not repaid the A. E. R. loan?**

**A. No. If his Army pay was held up, it must have been for some other reason. A soldier's pay cannot be stopped, nor any delinquent soldier's pay. It is a delinquency if he fails to repay loans made from the A. E. R. money. If he fails to repay it means that other deserving cases can benefit through use of this money.**

**Q. My husband is stationed at Fort Benning and we have been getting along quite nicely. We have a chance to purchase an automobile but need about \$100 more. Can we borrow this from A. E. R.?**

**A. The matter of putting up security for loans depends on the individual case. Loans are made strictly upon need. The purchase of a car is not considered as being an emergency, hence cannot be made for that purpose.**

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## Gen. Summers Inspects TIS

Brig. Gen. Owen Summers who is short time as assistant commander of the Trinidad section and commanding general of the Trinidad Mobile Force, has completed a two week inspection tour of The Infantry School and departed to join the 80th Division.

Outside of his inspection tour, the General was concerned about the problem of supply, the supply, that is, of extra flannel underwear.

"After 21 months in Trinidad, which, by the way, was very interesting," the General said, "I almost have to have some extra flannel."

The General's itinerary included problem and demonstrations early and late, one of them a night problem.

Concerning The Infantry School, he said, "My two weeks of inspection here at The Infantry School have been the highlight of my Army experience for the last ten years."

"I have been tremendously impressed with the school and have gotten much of value from my visit. The demonstrations and problems are excellent and it seems that the men are getting just what they need in the training."

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By Phyllis

The MONTGOMERY WARD COMPANY has one of the best ideas for Christmas gifts I've found out in some time.

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## Pigeon Officer Goes To Philly

Lt. Arthur M. Lehman, Signal Corps officer who developed the Fort Benning pigeon loft, has been transferred to the Army Pigeon Service Agency in Philadelphia.

A pigeon breeder and fancier in civilian life, Lt. Lehman was selected to head the pigeon loft at Fort Benning when an expansion program was decided upon a little more than a year ago.

The loft was used as one of the three large breeding places for messengers for various Army units. Many of the birds raised on the Post now are in service overseas. The loft now houses more than a thousand birds.

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"MAKE WITH THE MUSCLES, SIBLY," might be the title of this study in light and shadow. It comes under the next in our set of pictures—wonder-why selection. Careful research among our confidential files fails to reveal the who, what, and why of the story behind the picture. A pool of the Public Relations Office has it a cross between the "Lot" and the "Brave Indian" type of picture and the shy G. I. preparing for shot number 2 of the typhoid series. We found it in our file of Parachute School pictures, so perhaps it's the "after" of the troops who just completed the "A" stage of training. There's even some "fellow about that," Bubbles, our subject, is obviously on his feet. We don't know Bubbles' real identity, but any resemblance between this picture and anyone living or dead makes us wonder why. If this is a picture of anyone on the post who has such muscles, we're only fooling.

## Army Postal Service In All Out Yule Rush

Mail call is a big event in a soldier's day, any place, any sea. As the approaching Christmas makes boys in o.d. rush their mail orders with yet greater anticipation, they won't be disappointed. The Army postal service can help it.

One of the busiest spots around The Infantry School's great 1st Student Training Regiment these pre-Christmas days is the regimental post office. Its crew of G.I. experts have gone on a seven-day week to speed holiday mail to and from the 1st S.T.R.'s officers and men.

Skilled clerks who deftly sort incoming parcel post among 30 mail bags—one for each company and headquarters unit in the regiment—have their hands full 11 months of the year. Now they've shifted into double time so that the Yule rush won't keep their fellow soldiers waiting overlong for newspapers and packages.

Over the mail room's well-oiled gears, the 29th Infantry, its service with the 1st S.T.R. dates back to September 1940, when he went to work for the Infantry School Detachment, forerunner of the present regiment.

His crew of assistants includes Sergeants Francis J. Estopinal and Watt W. Holloway; Corporals James K. Lafavor, Omer J. Cartwright, Arthur F. Barney and John DiFusco; and Privates First Class Thaddeus W. Dyko, John Kahman, Arthur B. Pendley, and Robert Stewart.

Five WAC's—Privates Thelma Adkins, Elinor Curtis, Leota Handman, Mary H. Trullio, and Madge Wright—complete the staff.

While each task is specialized, all 13 have a working knowledge of every job there, so that the entire mail room personnel functions interchangeably.

Next door to the mail room, but operated separately, is the United States Post Office branch, which sells stamps and money orders, registers and insures mail. Normally insuring 60 to 75 pieces of outgoing mail daily, the Post Office accelerates to a peak of 1,500 letters and packages insured.

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JOY'S FLOWER SHOP MEMBERS FLORISTS TELEGRAPH

## Army, Navy to Use Films In Attack On 'Clip Joints'

The Army and Navy, disturbed over mounting reports of the manner in which soldiers and sailors are being taken in by clip joints throughout the country, are going to teach the boys, via a series of "indoctrination" films, how to thwart gyp artists' plans, Variety, theatrical weekly, reports.

Because various resorts seem to take particular pleasure in preying on those youths who are unfamiliar ground, the training shorts on how to avoid the pitfalls of a big city will likewise be made available for the asking to the navies of the other nations.

Behind the program is the realization that the amount of phlebotomy or leotary in the training classes can achieve the same results as utilization of the movie medium to get across the message. The War Department has found that to apply to other related problems such as combating the social evils, etc., and feels that a visual demonstration of how easy it is to get into a clip joint, and what it will do about it, will go a lot further than any amount of chinning on the subject.

The Navy Department last week completed a short on the clip-joint menace, which will go into all the training schools. Told in story form, it's a composite study based on actual case histories of what can happen when a sailor's off guard and falls into the hands of the clippers. Film was produced in New York by Herbert Kerkow, who's under contract to the Navy Department for the filming of such subjects with him in the production. Similarly, the Signal Corps is readying an "indoctrination" film cautioning the men in the service against the card sharks who have been preying on the boys in uniform and detailing the various tricks up the gypster's sleeves. It's an elaborate explanation of idea stems from exhaustive research which the Signal Corps has already distributed to the men in book form. Film will be adaptation of the research contained between covers.

## Baker Village News

MRS. FRANCES B. LUTZ - TELEPHONE 2-3381

MOTHERS' CLUB MEETING The Nursery School Mothers' Club will meet in the Recreation Room on Friday morning, December 10, at 10:30 (E.W.T.). The purpose of this meeting is to make plans for the children's Christmas party and also for the benefit bridge. Every mother is urged to be present at this meeting.

GIRL SCOUTS The Girl Scouts and Brownies are practicing Christmas carols under the direction of Mrs. Schwartz. They will go to the Post on Sunday, Dec. 19, with the Columbus and Fort Benning Scouts to sing in the Station Hospital and Red Cross Recreation Rooms. All girls are requested to be in uniform if possible. They should meet at the Auditorium at 2:30 (E.W.T.) to get the bus that has been chartered by the Columbus Council.

Parents' permission blanks must be filled in and turned back to the leaders in order to go with the group. Be sure and get your blanks from your leader and turn it in not later than Dec. 13 so that we can let the Columbus Council know many girls we have going out there.

The Nursery School Mothers' Club is sponsoring a benefit bridge on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 8:30 (E.W.T.) in the Auditorium. The following people may be contacted in order to make up a table or get tickets (tickets are 50 cents each): Mrs. Simpson, 3-2028; Mrs. Cox, 2-0280, and Mrs. Ralls, 3-1630. All residents of the community are invited and urged to attend. It is hoped that the newcomers to the community will take advantage of this and come and get acquainted with other members in this way. We would like to see everyone in the auditorium filled.

TEEN-AGE CHRISTMAS CAROLING All boys and girls as well as adults are invited to join the community Christmas Caroling during Christmas week. Mrs. Schwartz would like to see a large turnout for this. All ages are urged to make up the group. She will be on hand at the Auditorium on Monday and Thursday after school for practices. Students would like to have a large group of adults show an interest in this and is setting aside a practice night for adults in the Auditorium on Tuesday, December 14, at 8 o'clock. Let's really get together and enter into the spirit of Christmas by joining the group of Carolers.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES Christmas parties are being planned for Christmas week in the Auditorium on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 21-22-23. Girls and boys of each group as shown on the bulletin board are to be invited to have the parties together as follows: Junior group—ages 5-6-7-8. Intermediates—ages 9-10-11-12. Seniors—ages 13 and over.

Decide to which group you belong and keep the date of your party in mind.

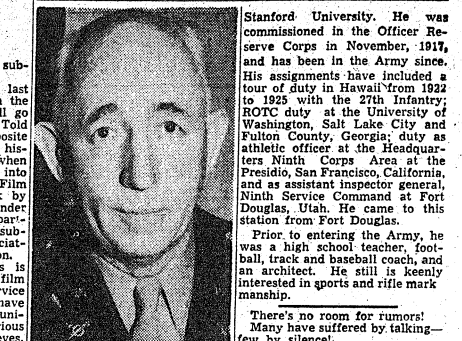
NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE Plans are under way for a Baker Village Community Dance for New Year's Eve so mark this date on your calendar and prepare to come out for a gala evening.

TALENT WANTED Mrs. Schwartz is eager to learn community with the idea of pre- about any and all talent in the sending talent and amateur shows as frequently as possible. Singers, dancers, instrumentalists, magicians, the week before December 25th.

HOW THEY'RE PICKED Sergeants Charles H. Willingham and Joseph M. Broome, the pair who run the office, were picked through an elaborate process of selection. Their appointment had to be ok'd by the Secretary of War, then approved by the Adjutant General and the Postmaster General. Finally, the two were bonded.

Behind their busy wicket, Willingham and Broome help foreign students and observers at The Infantry School post missions to their homelands—Algeria, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, China, Guinea, and Panama, to name a few. Heavy volume of mail goes to Cuba and Puerto Rico, and, of course, to theatres of operation both east and west.

The most postage you'll ever need on a one-ounce letter, Sergeant Willingham explained is 70c. That's when you want to send it by airmail to Ceylon—or to China, Russia, India, Persia, or New Guinea.



LT. COL. MEREDITH new inspector general for The Infantry School

## Benning's TIS Gets New 'I.G.'

Assignment of Lt. Col. Evan E. Meredith as Inspector General of The Infantry School at Fort Benning has been announced at Headquarters of the School. He succeeds Col. William W. Gordon, retired.

Col. Meredith attended Leland

STANFORD UNIVERSITY. He was commissioned in the Officer Reserve Corps in November, 1917, and has been in the Army since. His assignments have included a tour of duty in Hawaii from 1922 to 1925 with the 27th Infantry; ROTC duty at the University of Washington, Salt Lake City and Fort Carson, Georgia; duty as athletic officer at the Headquarters Ninth Corps Area at the Presidio, San Francisco, California, and as assistant inspector general, Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah. He came to this station from Fort Douglas.

Prior to entering the Army, he was a high school teacher, football, track and baseball coach, and an architect. He still is keenly interested in sports and rifle marksmanship.

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## ASTP Sarge Drove For General Marshall

Mr. Sgt. Edward J. Lemon, transportation chief of ASTP Motor Pool, can really boast of having traveled in big company. Not too long before he was assigned to his present station, he held the signal honor of being a driver for the chief of staff, General G. C. Marshall.

Sgt. Lemon's army history is indeed a colorful one. Enlisting in the Old Guard in 1927, he has already seen almost 17 years of service. The first three years of his army career were spent in Honolulu, as a transportation corporal in the Engineer's garage. In 1930 he was transferred to No. 1 garage, in Washington, D. C. It was here that he became acquainted with the personal angles on all the brass hats.

During his tour of service, he has at one time driven for General Pershing, Patton, Wainwright, and Frederick, and former Secretary of War G. H. Dorn.

For four years his permanent job was that of driver for General Croft, chief of infantry, and in the following four years, after General Croft's retirement, he had the post as driver for his successor, General Lynch.

Asking for combat duty, he was assigned to the Infantry School, in the capacity of assistant instructor in the Automotive Section. He remained in this position until July, 1942, when he was assigned to his present post.

Sgt. Lemon hails from Lancaster, Pa., is married, and has three sons—all of whom he hopes will some day be West Point graduates. A family that's certainly GI.

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## 'Lucky 7th' Demonstrates Its Fire-Power

For the second time since its activation the "Lucky 7th" Armored Division was treated to a major firepower demonstration recently of every type weapon in the division from the 7mm gun down to the carbine.

Staged by Combat Command "A", the demonstration was scheduled to lead off with an air corps exercise consisting of a smoke screen, glide and medium-level bombing, and stranding of a truck column, but inclement weather kept planes grounded and an infantry exercise was first on the program.

Illustrating the firepower of an individual, squad, platoon, and finally a company with carbines, rifles, and machine guns, the infantry fired on easily visible targets a concentration of fire showing the devastating effect of only a fraction of potential power.

**SAVE PROCEDURE**  
The same procedure was followed with 75mm and 81mm guns, 60 and 81mm mortars, and "bazookas" or anti-tank rocket launchers. Both tank and ground firing were shown. Direct and indirect fire with quick and deadly accuracy was illustrated with the 75mm gun.

After a brief discussion of artillery fire by Col. Orville W. Marshall, division commander and veteran of the North African campaign, three artillery batteries fired demonstrating with a shell air burst, smoke shell, and time shell.

Climax of the program came at the end and consisted of a coordinated attack and counter-attack with artillery, tanks and infantry taking part.

The artillery began the demonstration with three batteries firing timed fire on an outlined enemy position. Just a moment later

## ASTP

**MR.-SGT. EDWARD J. LEMON** shown here in his present position as transportation chief of ASTP Motor Pool, relates his past experiences as driver for many of the high-ranking officers when he was stationed in Washington, D. C. . . . Something indeed worth listening to. (Official U. S. Army photo—Pine-Bur.)

## Snipers Inherit Gators' Gators

It looked like a mud patch along Tobacco Road. But it was Adam Lazonga and his mate, Eve, alligators given the 131st Infantry by the 124th, a former unit of the Infantry School Troop.

Brigade, this 10 by 10-foot fenced-in swamp hole was Miami Beach or whatever else is the alligator equivalent of a winter haven.

With winter on its way, the concrete pond where Adam and Eve were wont to splash around in their baby gator glue would be too cold a place for them to continue their frolicking. The misfortune to not removing their alligators from the pond sufficiently early to keep two of them from freezing to death wasn't going to be repeated.

John A. Dilbeck who, as superintendent of the Grant Park Zoo, Atlanta, Georgia, takes care of 16 various sized alligators, was explaining their care to Lt. Col. James W. Hilton.

"The gators hibernate from October to April, much as does the bear. They must have a muddy, too cold a place for them to continue this time so that the food they gulp down the remainder of the year has a chance to digest. Alligators don't chew their food. They swallow it whole. Their teeth are used mostly for defense. In April the warm sunshine brings them to life and out of their 'gator holes'."

Without the help of the FFA, a model swamp was built for them in the woods behind the Regimental athletic field. Drage from the wash rack of the Motor Pool makes sure that they're provided with a steady seeping of dirty water.

When the alligators were placed into their new winter quarters they slithered around like every good alligator should do. After a few trial submersions into the slimy bottom they came forth with hearty grunts of ecstasy.

"Did you ever hear an alligator hiss?" Col. Hilton asked. "They did that to me the other day. That's what I call insubordination."

With a wiggle of the delight they felt in their alligator souls they were off to explore their new environs. Col. Hilton threw raw meat to them. With majestic disdain they swished their tails and dug deeper into the mud, which was a very ignoble thing for an alligator to do in these days of ration points. But Adam and Eve were too happy in their winter home to be bothered by mere food.

a medium tank battalion moved out under cover of artillery to a hill occupied by a theoretical enemy.

Then the infantry began covering the "enemy" positions with small arms and mortar fire to follow the last wave of tanks and take over the first objective.

Suddenly light tanks moved out of concealment to meet a simulated enemy threat on the right flank. Calling on the artillery to cover their further advance, the tanks prevented a successful counter-attack while one artillery battalion laid a concentration on hostile forces as well as a smoke screen against enemy observation.

The problem ended when the medium tanks moved forward to the second objective and rallied in nearby woods where the infantry remained on the first objective.

Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel, commander of The Infantry School, and guest of Division Commander Lindsay McDonald Silverster at the demonstration remarked that it was the best he had ever seen of armored weapons.

## TIS Promotes 25 Officers

Promotions of 25 lieutenants have been announced at Headquarters of The Infantry School. Included among those advanced were:

From first lieutenant to captain: Ralph B. Brooks of Lexington, N. Y., adjutant of the 1st Battalion, 1st Student Training Regiment.

From second lieutenant to first lieutenant: Richard A. Tilden of Tempe, Ariz., on duty in the Publications Section; Robert N. Langerman, New Haven, Conn., instructor in Publications Section; John Murray of New York City, on duty in Visual Aids Section; Reuben C. Hinsdale of Covington, Ky., Engineering Committee, General Section; William B. Cowen of Topsfield, Mass., Technique of Rifle Firing Group; Administration Officer.

Michael J. Kenny, White Plains, N. Y., on duty in Weapons Section; Neal J. Ahern of Los Angeles, Calif., Weapons Section; William George Phillips, Cleveland, Ohio, assigned to Weapons Section; Newton K. Chase, Blue Hill, Me., Weapons Section; Edwin S. Mycock, of Boston, Mass., instructor in the Cannon Group; Douglas A. Hayes of Lynn, Mass., on duty in Weapons Section; Billie M. Barbee of Colorado Springs, Colo., Weapons Section.

Walter E. Williamson of Magnolia, Arkansas, Mortar Instructor, Weapons Section; Robert W. Anderson of Storm Lake, Iowa, Weapons Section; Robb M. Pines, of Bremerton, Wash., assigned to Weapons Section; Robert S. Fowler of Rahway, New Jersey, Map Reading Committee; Chester B. Gray, of Rochester, N. Y., Engineer Instructor; Charles W. Ainsley of Mishawaka, Ind.

James C. Kesterson, of Columbus, Ga., instructor in the Rifle Group, Weapons Section; Robert G. Brandyberry of Columbus, Ga., on duty in Weapons Section; Herbert R. Hosking of East Orange, N. J., instructor in Radio; Charles N. Wientjes of Danville, Ky., assigned to Communications Section; Thomas E. Anderson, Lexington, Ky., on duty in Communications Section; Eleanor P. Abbott of Natick, Pa., Executive Officer of WAC Detachment No. 1.

**Woman's Club**  
By KATHERINE HAMMARGREN  
The Book Reviews group of the Fort Benning Woman's Club has arranged an outstanding program of its next meeting, to be held Monday, December 13, at 2:30 p.m. in the ladies' lounge of the Officers' Club.

A review of Harnett Kane's "Bayous in Louisiana" will be given by Mrs. Gordon D. Johnston, group chairman. Mrs. Johnston, a member of the faculty of Louisiana State University for the past five years, has lived in the Cajun country much of her life, and is well acquainted with the types of persons and the customs with which Harnett Kane deals in his latest book. The author will also be remembered for the popular "Louisiana Hayride."

An unusual exhibit of Acadian handicraft has been secured from L. S. U., and will be shown at the meeting. In addition, there will be silent motion pictures on the Acadians of the Teche, in the lower part of Louisiana. The film, a production of the Columbia Motion Picture Company, has been secured through the extension of the L. S. U., which has tried to keep alive the folk songs and customs of the Cajuns.

Interest in the informative and entertaining program is marked, and a capacity audience is expected. All members of the Women's Club are invited to attend.

## Gremlins Snarl Up Phone Lines

Gremlins attacked the command post in a field problem held by an Officers' Communication Course in the 1st Student Training Regiment. The Infantry School, last week—or so suspects the student who operated the telephone switchboard. Every time any party rang the telephone connected to the switchboard, all the shutters on the face of the board would snap shut. The switchboard had been tested and none of the parts were defective.

After a lengthy investigation instructors discovered that wire-laying parties had slipped into several lines leading to the same junction during displacement. The lines followed different routes and were not identified by the wire layers. So when the regimental operator signaled division, all units on the division switchboard went into action.

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Officers include Captain Marie Colston, Lieutenant Connie Freund, Sergeant Anne Heraty, Corporal Anne Ambrose.

At the last meeting of the troop it was moved and carried that members absent without excuse for three meetings be dropped from the troop. Dues were set at five cents a week. It was also agreed that meetings be conducted according to parliamentary procedure.

Victory Service for Dogwood Troop includes singing at the hospital and wrapping Christmas packages for the soldiers at the post office.

Meetings are held each Friday at 1700 in the Girl Scout Cabin.

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